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Tupelo Public School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Picou and ICC President Dr. Jay Allen conclude the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for an innovative Associate Degree Nursing Preferred Candidacy Middle College program.

## ADN Middle College program to start this fall

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College and the Tupelo Public School District have signed a memorandum of understanding to begin an innovative Associate Degree Nursing Preferred Candidacy Middle College program this fall.

The agreement, which was signed by ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and TPSD Superintendent Dr. Robert Picou in a

formal ceremony June 14, will promote early entry into the two-year nursing program. Qualified applicants will begin this track in their junior year.

“Graduating seniors are often attracted to the idea of ‘going away’ to experience the first year of college,” Allen said. “Many of those graduates return home for various reasons and do not have a degree. If we can attract gradu-

ates early, we can educate them and give them an opportunity early that will open unlimited doors.”

“Nursing offers a variety of job opportunities, both locally and beyond,” said Dr. Dana Walker, director of ICC’s Associate Degree Nursing program. During recent years, nursing programs across the nation have experienced a decline in qualified applicants. “The early entry opportunity would offer

high quality students who are focused on completing a professional program, an opportunity to start early and achieve their goal in a timely manner,” she noted.

“We are always excited to expand our partnership with ICC and increase opportunities for our students as they prepare for life after high school,” Picou said. - **See Middle College, page four.**



ICC’s PMT students learn the skills to be successful in the job market.

## ICC revamps PMT program; introduces one-year degree

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College has revamped its Precision Machining Technology program, transitioning it from two years to a streamlined one-year Associate of Applied Science degree opportunity beginning this fall.

The newly-revised program will equip students with essential skills and knowledge through a carefully de-

signed curriculum, ensuring that they are well-prepared for rewarding careers in the field of precision machining, according to Dylan Baldwin, dean of Career Education.

The three-semester program will enable students to graduate in July 2024. Upon completion of the program, they will receive a 45-hour certificate, demonstrating their mastery of preci-

sion machining techniques.

The revised program incorporates several new classes to enhance students’ understanding and proficiency in precision machining. Courses such as Metallurgy, Die Repair and Jigs, Fixtures and Tools along with another Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Operations course have been added to the curriculum, ensuring that

students receive comprehensive training in cutting-edge machining technologies and industry best practices. These courses will provide students with a well-rounded education and equip them with the skills demanded by the rapidly evolving manufacturing industry, Baldwin said. - **See Revamped PMT program, page six.**

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VIEWPOINT  
MICHAELA COOPER  
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## The best years of our lives

When we were in high school, I was told so many times that college was going to be the best years of my life, and it's not that I doubted what they were telling me, I just didn't understand. I mean, how is staying up til three in the morning studying, living off Ramen noodles and mac-n-cheese in a cup and prematurely turning gray due to stress supposed to be the best years of my life?

Then ICC became my home, and I finally understood. The opportunities and doors that have opened up for me have been incredible, and it has been through these open doors that I have met my lifelong friends.

Thinking back to high school, we all told each other, "We are always going to stay in touch," and yeah, some people you do keep in touch with, others you just seem to have drifted away from, whether it be from difference in opinions or simply your life paths just don't seem to cross anymore. My senior year, I didn't cry or become truly nostalgic once. I knew that sadly half of these people I would never really see again, and I was ready to start a new chapter in my life. I admit there were a few friends I had never pictured...well, not being in the picture. But that's okay. We grow from our hardships, and it is from those hardships that we meet other souls just trying to find the same pieces of life that we are. I'm not going to lie. My heart is a little sad that I am leaving ICC now. In fact, I feel the way that I think I should have felt my senior year. The thing is, a new chapter is a lot easier to start. You have had a clear ending of one story, and now there is a smooth (sometimes) beginning of a next. I feel like right now, though, I am pausing in the middle of a chapter, not sure which direction everything is about to turn. I know where I am transferring, and I know where I am going to live and even who is going to live with me. My college years aren't over, though, and that is kind of why I feel there is a pause instead of an end.

I was in Washington earlier in the spring, and I heard a speaker, who was around our age (in his '20s). He said a phrase that stood out to me. His quote was this, "I would rather live with the fear of what lies ahead than what I left untouched in the past," and it was then that the little light bulb finally clicked on in my head. College is supposed to be the best years of your life because we will never be this young again. Those years are meant for the 3 a.m. studying sessions and making a run to Walmart for ice cream to help you stay up (not saying I've done this or anything...), and it is meant for the nights of being a broke college kid and eating microwavable noodles in a cup, because I guarantee when you go home that weekend, you have a much deeper appreciation for a home-cooked meal. As far as the prematurely turning gray, well, we all have to turn gray sometime, might as well embrace it now.

I just want to say thank you to all of the teachers and staff at ICC for all of the smiles and time they have dedicated to helping me. I'm going to use the wise words of Dr. Seuss to end my last column for the ICC Chieftain, "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened."- **Michaela Cooper Lyle is an ICC alumnus, Class of 2016...and an exceptional member of our ICC family.**



### OPINION POLL

What do you think...

“What is the impact of community colleges?”

“Yes, I go to community college. No, it isn't because I couldn't get in anywhere else.”  
**Unknown**

“Community colleges are one of America's greatest social inventions, a gateway to the future for first-time students looking for an affordable college education and for mid-career students looking to get ahead in the workplace.”  
**Barbara Mikulski**

“Community colleges play an important role in helping people transition between careers by providing the retooling they need to take on a new career.”  
**Barack Obama**

“For decades, community colleges have been the backbone of American workforce training because they are nimble and closely attuned to local community needs. They are inherently positioned to be influential leaders of the movement for a sustainable economy.”  
**Ed Begley Jr.**

“After I left high school and got my GED, I studied broadcast journalism for a year at a community college.”  
**Chris Rock**

“Community colleges are the great American invention in terms of education.”  
**Eduardo J. Padron**

“Because of the flexibility that community colleges afford, many students do not have to choose between an education and fulfilling other responsibilities - they can do both...One of the things that make community colleges so special is that they do not pick and choose their students - they work with all students.”  
**Jill Biden**

“I wanted to race cars. I didn't like school, and all I wanted to do was work on cars. But right before I graduated, I got into a really bad car accident, and I spent that summer in the hospital thinking about where I was heading. I decided to take education more seriously and go to a community college.”  
**George Lucas**

### Staff Reports

VIEWPOINT  
DONNA THOMAS  
Adviser

## Here's why the BEST start at ICC

You've heard of Walt Disney, Tom Hanks, Guy Fieri, Aaron Rodgers, Morgan Freeman and Eddie Murphy.

They are athletes, actors, famous chefs, and they are all famous. They have different backgrounds and separate pathways to success. But they all have one thing in common...they and thousands more attended and/or graduated from community colleges such as Itawamba Community College across the nation in the last 100 plus years.

ICC also has its share of “celebrities” who are listed among its alumni as well.

Some of them include professional football players Duce Staley, Tim Bowens, Pernell McPhee and Darius Slay; baseball players Desmond Jennings and Tim Dillard; Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley; writers Peggy Webb and Merle Temple; former BASS Angler of the Year Timmy Horton and Auburn head baseball coach Butch Thompson, to name a few.

Just ask around. Many of your friends and neighbors also attended community colleges. They might not be as “famous” as these individuals, but most likely they're successful in their careers, which is a positive reflection on the excellent educational foundation that they received.

Take me, for instance. I'm not famous, but I'm a community college graduate, and there are thousands upon thousands just like me.

Community colleges provide quality affordable education and the best start in life.

Among the additional advantages are smaller classes, program variety, flexible scheduling including a three-day weekend option, extensive support services and the latest technologies.

ICC, for example, offers sophisticated training in career education programs as well as provides an educational foundation in academic areas to enable graduates to transfer and excel at the university level.

I've been at ICC for many years, and I have witnessed the evolution of career education programs from “manual labor” jobs to high-paying careers in manufacturing and the business sector and the focus on university transfer programs that will prepare our graduates to achieve at four-year institutions.

Today, flexible scheduling at ICC includes not only the traditional term entry points but also multiple opportunities to complete coursework during eLearning shorter terms of four and eight weeks.

ICC's tradition of academic and athletic excellence combined with its friendly, caring atmosphere make it the best buy in higher education today. Our tuition is one of the lowest, and our scholarship program is one of the best in the state. More than 80 percent of ICC's students receive some type of scholarship or financial aid.

ICC's qualified, caring instructors and personal attention provide the two major ingredients for a quality education and college success.

When students enroll at ICC, they quickly become a part of our family, and it continues with a connection as alumni when they graduate.

Students at ICC have the latest technology, the most advanced classrooms to enhance their learning experience and the most modern buildings, athletic facilities and residence halls in beautifully-landscaped environments at Tupelo, Fulton and Belden. There's a wide variety of opportunities for student engagement, including activities, clubs, organizations and intramural sports.

Like community colleges throughout the nation, ICC is unique, and we could possibly be a bit biased, but we think it's the **BEST** anywhere.

And...the **BEST** do start here...just as they have for 75 years and counting!

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## College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FALL 2023

<b>Aug. 9</b>	Faculty, staff convocation
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Open registration, Tupelo, 1-5 p.m.
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Open registration, Fulton, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Tupelo, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
<b>Aug. 11</b>	Open registration, Fulton and Tupelo, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
<b>Aug. 14</b>	First day of class for traditional full-term day/night and traditional first eight-week classes
<b>Aug. 15</b>	Last day for students to self-register for traditional full-term day/night and traditional first eight-week classes
<b>Aug. 16-18</b>	Late registration available through Advising Center for traditional full-term day/night classes
<b>Aug. 21</b>	First day of classes for eLearning full-term and eLearning first eight-week classes
<b>Aug. 22</b>	Last day to add eLearning first eight-week classes
<b>Aug. 25</b>	Last day to add eLearning full-term classes
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Labor Day holiday for students/employees
<b>Sept. 27</b>	Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning first eight-week classes
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional first eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Spring 2024 class schedule available
<b>Oct. 2-3</b>	Final exams for traditional first eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 5-12</b>	Final exams for eLearning first eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Progress reports due for traditional full-term day/night and eLearning full-term classes
<b>Oct. 9-10</b>	Fall break for students/employees
<b>Oct. 11</b>	First day of class for traditional second eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Last day to add traditional second eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Grades due at noon for eLearning first eight-week classes
<b>Oct. 16</b>	First day of class for eLearning second eight-week classes First day of advising for spring 2024 Student evaluation of instruction surveys available
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Last day to add eLearning second eight-week classes
<b>Nov. 1</b>	Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning full-term classes
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. for currently-enrolled Honors College and allied health students
<b>Nov. 7</b>	Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. for currently-enrolled sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled freshmen
<b>Nov. 13</b>	First day of class for eLearning second four-week classes Last day to add eLearning second four-week classes
<b>Nov. 15</b>	First day of registration for adult learners, readmission and transfer students and December 2023 high school graduates.
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Freshman orientation for December 2023 high school graduates begins at 1 p.m. (Tupelo Campus)
<b>Nov. 16-30</b>	Final exams for eLearning full-term classes
<b>Nov. 20-24</b>	Thanksgiving holiday for students/employees
<b>Nov. 29-</b>	Registration continues through the Advising Center if faculty adviser is not available
<b>Nov. 29-</b>	Last day to drop classes
<b>Dec. 14</b>	with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second four-week classes
<b>Dec. 1</b>	Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional full-term day/night and traditional second eight-week classes
<b>Dec. 4-7</b>	Final exams for traditional full-term night, eLearning second eight-week and eLearning four-week classes
<b>Dec. 6-7</b>	Final exams for traditional full-term day classes
<b>Dec. 14</b>	Offices close at 5 p.m. for Christmas/New Year's holidays
<b>Jan. 3</b>	Offices reopen after the holidays.



Recent ICC graduates Payton Atkins, left, and Emma Grace Allen have been accepted into the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program.

## ICC graduates Allen, Atkins accepted into MRPSP

**Staff Reports**  
Itawamba Community College graduates Emma Grace Allen of Fulton and Payton Atkins of Hamilton have been accepted into the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program.

The MRPSP offers scholarships to medical students in Mississippi who agree to practice in underserved rural areas of Mississippi after com-

pleting their training for one year for each year they receive the scholarship. Participants will receive mentoring, rural clinical experience, MCAT preparation and a support system on their pathway to becoming a physician. As part of the MRPSP, they join a network of undergraduate students, medical students, residents and practicing physicians, all offering support

throughout their medical education and into their future practice.

Allen majored in biology at ICC. Her honors and activities included orientation leader, Global Experience, Food Pantry representative, Indian Delegation president, BSU lead team member, Fashion Tribe, STEM Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors College, Science Club, Miss ICC 2023, Hall of Fame 2023

and freshman and sophomore Homecoming maid. She is youth and college ministry and children's church volunteer at Bethel Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Jay and Belinda Allen.

At ICC, where she was a biochemistry/pre-med major, Atkins was a member of the STEM Club and Phi Theta Kappa. - **See MRPSP, page five.**

## Adult education classes continue within district

### Staff Reports

Adult education classes are ongoing at several locations in the Itawamba Community College five-county district.

The schedule includes

**Amory** - Amory WIN Center (1619 Highway 25 North), Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

**Belden** - ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road), Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and English as a Second Language (ESL), to be determined.

**Fulton** - Crubaugh Technical Education Building (J.E. Thrash

Street), ICC Fulton Campus, Monday and Tuesday, 3:30-7:30 p.m., new student enrollment on the first and third Mondays of each month.

**Houston** - Houston WIN Center (210 Monroe St.), Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Pontotoc** - Pontotoc WIN Center (316 Coffee St.), Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

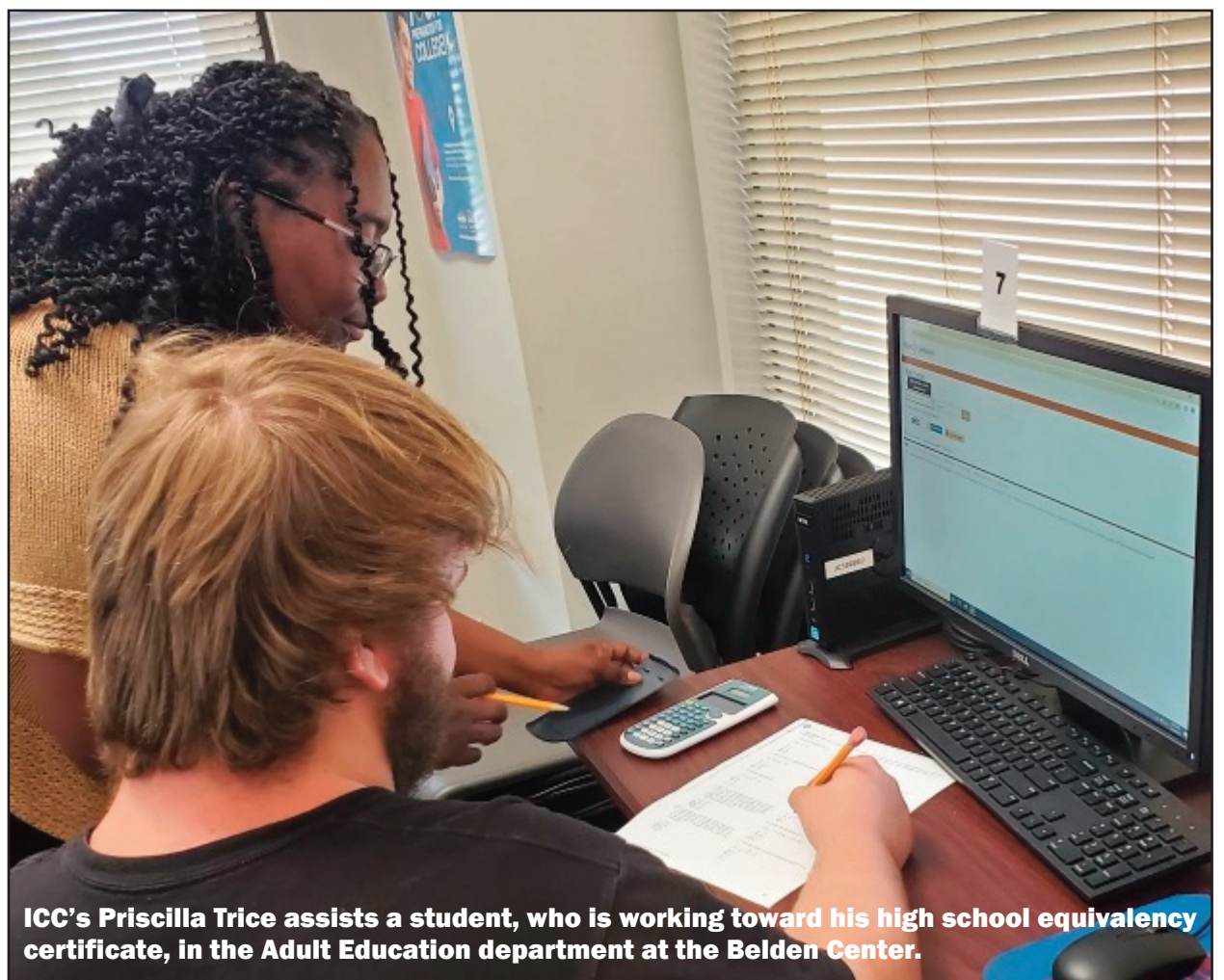
There is no cost for the classes.

Individuals who plan to enroll for the first time at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Rd.) should call (662) 407-1510 for more information. Participants must have a photo ID, and 16-/17-

year-olds should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Entry into the adult education area is across from the WIN Job Center at ICC-Belden.

GED and HiSET testing is continuing on a weekly basis, and all program-enrolled students take the GED or HiSET free of charge. For more information on scheduling an appointment, contact Priscilla Trice at pbtrice@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1513.

For general information about classes or program information, email adulteducation@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1510 or (662) 407-1517.



ICC's Priscilla Trice assists a student, who is working toward his high school equivalency certificate, in the Adult Education department at the Belden Center.



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Fall 2023  
Exam Schedule

Staff Reports  
DAY CLASSES

Reg. Mtg.	Exam	Time
MW 8/8:15/8:25	12.6	8-10
MW 9:25 a.m.	12.6	10:15-12:15
MW 10:50	12.7	8-10
MW 2:25/3/3:20	12.6	1-3
TR 8/8:25	12.5	8-10
TR 9:25	12.5	10:15-12:15
TR 10:50	12.7	10:15-12:15
TR 12:35	12.5	1-3
TR 2:25	12.7	1-3
F 8/8:15	12.8	8-10
F 10:50	12.8	10:15-12:15

NIGHT CLASSES

Reg. Mtg.	Exam Date
Monday	Monday, Dec. 4
Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 5
Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 6
Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 7

Potter to share  
‘how to train  
your brain’

Staff Reports

Coach Mark Potter, powerful inspirational speaker, will challenge his audience to be “uncommon” as they face today’s difficulties at a special presentation at 7 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

The presentation, entitled “The Silent Epidemic,” will include dealing with pressure, failure or embarrassment, documenting negative thoughts and processing controllable goals. His topics are designed to help employees; businesses in human resources; administration and sales; executives; advisers; franchises; colleges; students and teams reach their greatest potential.

In December 2016, Potter, Newman University men’s basketball coach of 19 years, announced that the season would be his last and he was following his new passion of speaking on



Coach Mark Potter

mental health.

According to ICC Athletic Director and Dean of Students Chad Case, Potter inspires and challenges audiences with his real story of victory over severe depression. In his presentation, he shares how he overcame obstacles and even suicidal thoughts. “Potter’s practical ideas are designed to help everyone train their brain and be able to practice mental health and wellness strategies,” Case said. During his 30-year coaching career, he saw students coming to college without tools to battle life situations and the adversity that comes with it.

“We look forward to deepening our partnerships, not only with ICC, but the entire business community as we create career academies that lead to great opportunities. We feel especially compelled to respond to the community and the hospital’s need for nurses. Our students are uniquely talented and capable to fill this shortage of nurses in our community.”

The early entry program has the po-

tential to increase the quality of the applicant pool as well as to allow students to connect with ICC’s nursing faculty during the early phase, Walker said. “As members of the Associate Degree Nursing Preferred Candidacy Middle College program, students can engage in activities with ICC’s faculty before being admitted to the program as well as have a better understanding of the ‘hands-on’ portion of the program.

Some students are accepted into ICC’s nursing program without knowing the conditions of the ‘hands-on’ patient care and realize the profession isn’t for them. With the early entry program, students will be required to spend time in a clinical setting shadowing a nurse.”

“This agreement is an exceptional opportunity for ICC’s Associate Degree Nursing program to attract the BEST

of the BEST healthcare workers of the future,” Allen said. “We look forward to working with the Tupelo Public School District to enhance the college experience of those students who will participate in this program, providing a realistic view of this occupation to ensure that it is the best fit for those who choose this career.”



Participants in the May 2023 adult education commencement ceremony wait for their classmates to receive their diplomas.

High School Equivalency  
Graduates receive diplomas

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College’s 2023 high school equivalency graduates participated in a commencement ceremony May 11 at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

They include Destiny Holloway, Thomas Huppert, Hoyt Martin, all of **Aberdeen**; Cierra Bartlett, Alex Head, Lily Jones, Julie Lee, Aliana Page, Hunter Stacy, Ryan Walls, all of **Amory**; Hugh Davis, Shane Smith, both of **Blue Springs**; Breanna Sanders of **Ecu**; Christopher Ellis, Taylor Kent, Christian Martin, Traci South, Dominic Whittington, all of **Fulton**; Darbie Blansett of **Golden**; Cadence Floyd of **Guntown**; Megan Christian of **Hamilton, Ala.**; Tristen Keith, Haley Thomas, both of **Houlka**; Jonthan McGee, Haley Wilkerson, both of **Houston**; Americus Plunkett, Olivia Pollock, Christopher Stephens, Joseph Thomas,

Keira Vandiver, all of **Man-tachie**; Dakota Felks of **Mooreville**; Kaiden Culver, Lily Guin, Gary Hughes, Donna Johnson, Dylan Swick, all of **Nettleton**;



Somer Faris, Jasmine Watson, both of **New Albany**; Tyler Corley, Issac Holman, both of

**Okolona**; Raven Hitchcock of **Plantersville**; Madison Boyd, Brooklyn Bunch, Erick Driggers, Hope Jones, Guadalupe Lopez, Kaleb Montgomery, Dakota My-hand, Breonna Singh, Anna Watts, all of **Pontotoc**; Kyle Barnett, Hannah Jinkins, Mathew Liverett, Gracee Tate, Jayden Ward, all of **Saltillo**; Jonie Hurley, Jeremy Presley, Annabelle Streets, all of **Smithville**; Jesse French of **Thaxton**; Alexa Andrasik of **Tremont**; Brittney Bean, Monica Brown, Avery Burcham, Jeremiah Caldwell, Eddie Chandler, Arlena Davis, Noble Fair, Antwon Forrest, Conner Graham, Perrin Holliday, Maritisa Irizarry, Anthony Jenkins, Alejandra Jiminez, Ciasha Martin, Emmy Poston, Malachi Seawright, Kimberly Smith, April Stephens, Eniya Thomas, Lajerrious Venson, Teshira Watson, Jaquavious Judon, all of **Tupelo**; and George Jolley of **Verona**.

ICC’s Baldwin appointed  
as community college rep  
for state Licensure Commission

Staff Reports

ICC Dean of Career Education Dylan Baldwin of Pontotoc has been appointed as Community College representative for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development.

He will serve an unexpired term as a Licensure Commission Member representing Mississippi’s First Congress-

sional District.

Baldwin earned the associate’s degree from ICC, the bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi and the bachelor’s degree from Mississippi State University. He joined the ICC faculty in 2013 as Collision Repair Technology instructor. His honors include 2023 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, 2017 Mississippi Com-

munity College Board Leadership Academy and multiple ASE and ICAR certifications. From 2012-13, he was an instructor at the Tupelo Career and Technical Center.

He and his wife, Monica, are the parents of an eight-year-old daughter, Mia.

The Licensure Commission is charged with making recommendations to the State Board

of Education regarding standards for the preparation of educators, certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi, according to Dr. Cory Murphy, associate state superintendent, in notifying Baldwin of the appointment.

Middle College  
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ICC...  
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CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

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Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Dylan Hart	862.8333
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	862.8140
Disc Golf	discgolf@iccms.edu	
Diversity Club	Dr. Michelle Clouse	862.8050
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
ESports	Dakota Hall	862.8331
Fashion Tribe	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
Global Experience	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Michael Holloway	862.8428
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Man UP	Deon Triplett	
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	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
	Dr. Ashley Craig	862.8326
	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Social Science	Megan Eidt	620.5044
	Masha Laney	862.8023
Student Act. Board	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
STEM	Bradley Howard	862.8140
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
STEP Club	Iris Newsome	862.8328
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Taylor Tutor	862.8181
Theatre	Dr. Laurie McBride	862.8307

TUPELO CAMPUS

Archery Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Bass Club	Dylan Hart	862.8333
Comp. Prog./Net.	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
Disc Golf	Michelle Pruitt	862.8296
Diversity Club	Dr. Michelle Clouse	862.8050
Fashion Tribe	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
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Future Rad. Tech.	Dr. Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Global Experience	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	862.8428
Legal Ed. Assn.	Haley Carpenter	620.5342
	Dr. Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Dr. Lauren Asters	620.5208
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
STEM Club	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
	Bradley Howard	862.8140
Student Gov. Assn.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
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and organizations,  
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ICC's Dean of Advising Mande Miller assists a student with registration during an orientation session this summer. Open registration sessions are scheduled for Aug. 9, 10 and 11 on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. Traditional full-term and first eight-week classes begin Aug. 14, and eLearning full-term and first eight-week classes, Aug. 21.

It's not too late...  
Fall registration still open

Staff Reports

ICC has scheduled open registration opportunities, Aug. 9, 10 and 11.

Options include Aug. 9 from 1-5 p.m. on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses; Aug. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on the Fulton Campus and 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on the Tupelo Campus; and Aug. 11 from 8 a.m.-4:30

p.m. on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. Locations are the Academic and Student Center on the Tupelo Campus and the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus.

Traditional full-term and first eight-week classes begin Aug. 14; and eLearning full-term

and first eight-week classes, Aug. 21.

Financial aid is available as well as adult learner scholarships.

Academic, career education, eLearning (online) and workforce opportunities are available in an extensive schedule, which includes both day and evening classes at Fulton, Tupelo

and Belden. Instructional options include both face-to-face and online.

Students may attend classes on a four-day instructional schedule to provide an opportunity for a three-day weekend.

For more information, call (662) 862-8000 or email [eadviser@iccms.edu](mailto:eadviser@iccms.edu).

Bowers named to PTK  
MS/LA advisory board

Staff Reports

Jenny Bowers of Tupelo, English instructor at Itawamba Community College, has been selected as Transfer Partner Representative of the Phi Theta Kappa Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Advisory Board for 2023-25.

"Serving on the advisory board helps our region and our students as we plan events and help train regional officers," Bowers said.

In her new position, Bowers will liaise with universities to help make transferring seamless for PTK students. The Advisory Board works with regional coordinators to plan events for the Mississippi/Louisiana region of PTK. Recent and upcoming events include the Regional Honors Institute in Meridian, June 19-21, and the Regional Leadership Conference hosted by Delgado Commu-



Jenny Bowers

nity College in New Orleans, Sept. 7-8.

Bowers joined the ICC faculty in 2002 as an adjunct instructor and became full-time in 2011. Also, she has served as Writing Center consultant and director.

She earned both the bachelor's

and master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

Her awards and honors include William Winter Scholar for 2022, National Merit Finalist and additionally, for Phi Theta Kappa include Five Star Adviser, Bennie Warren Outstanding Adviser for the MS/LA Region (two years) and the Horizon Award for New Advisers.

Bowers is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, National English Honorary and Delta Kappa Gamma, Organization of Women Educators. She is also a scorer for AP Language Exams. Bowers served as a presenter at the Transitioning to College Writing Conference at the University of Mississippi in 2016.

She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

MRPSP  
From page three

Atkins was also on the President's List. She is a member of New Prospect Baptist Church. Her parents are Brian and Misti Atkins.

Both Allen and Atkins are transferring to Mississippi State University this fall.

As part of their selection to the pro-

gram, Allen and Atkins are granted early assurance status into the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson and will have the opportunity to interview for the same status at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg. Upon

admission to either school, they will be under consideration for a \$35,000 per year scholarship for their medical education.

After graduating from medical school, MPRPSP scholars must enter residence in one of the following areas: family medicine, internal medicine,

pediatrics, med/peds or OB-GYN. There are also a limited number of spots for psychiatry. Upon completion of residency training, scholars are expected to enter a clinic-based practice in an approved Mississippi community of 15,000 or fewer that is located 20 or more miles from a medial served area.





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**ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, left, congratulates Michael Holloway, director of recruiting and orientation, for completing the Mississippi Community College Fellows Program.**

## ICC's Holloway completes prestigious MCCPF Program

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Michael Holloway of Saltillo, director of recruiting and orientation, is among the 2023 graduates of the Mississippi Community College Fellows Program.

Holloway, who is a native of Amory, attended ICC on a soccer scholarship. His educational background includes the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. He has worked in higher education for 15 years, all in enrollment management. Before joining the ICC staff 11 years ago, Holloway was a regional admissions counselor for the University of Mississippi for four years. He and his wife, Erin, a teacher for the Tupelo Public School District, are the parents of three children, Emma, 10; Bennett, 6; and baby John

Michael. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Saltillo.

"It was an honor to be a part of this experience," Holloway said. "I appreciate Itawamba Community College for providing me with the opportunity to participate and learn more about advocating at the state and national levels and to collaborate with colleagues across Mississippi for the benefit of advocating for our individual institutions."

Holloway said the group met throughout the academic year to discuss state and national policies on education and to determine successful ways to advocate on behalf of college students. The fellowship culminated with a trip to Washington, D.C. for a legislative summit and meeting with education policymakers. While there, Holloway met with every member

of the Mississippi Congressional delegation and representatives of the U.S. Department of Education, United States Department of Agriculture, American Council on Education, Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges. "I look forward to sharing my experience and the knowledge I have gained with my colleagues at Itawamba Community College," Holloway said.

The Mississippi Community College Policy Fellows Program, which began in 2012, has more than 120 alumni. It is sponsored by the Mississippi Community College Board in partnership with Washington, D.C.-based AdvocacyBuild. The program focuses on leadership, networking, policy and advocacy.

## Adult learners enrolling soon have scholarship options

### Staff Reports

Adult learners who plan to attend Itawamba Community College this fall have two scholarship opportunities for financial support.

They include ICC's Adult Learner Incentive and the statewide Complete 2 Compete.

ICC's Adult Learner Incentive scholarship, which provides \$2,000 (\$500 per semester for full-time students and \$250 per semester for part-time) is designed to provide an incentive for returning or new students, age 21 or older to pursue a degree at ICC. Criteria for selection include enrollment in a minimum of 12 hours (scholarship can be reduced to \$250 per semester for part-

time - six hours - status), meeting admission requirements and in good standing at ICC. The application deadline is Aug. 15, and the



form is available at [www.apply.iccms.edu](http://www.apply.iccms.edu). To find out more about the Adult Learner Incentive scholarship, contact Candace Thomas, assistant director of Financial Aid, at [cdthomas@iccms.edu](mailto:cdthomas@iccms.edu) or call (662) 862-8261.

Qualification requirements for the C2C grant include at least 21 years of age but no greater than 59, Mississippi residency and U.S. citizenship, household income that meets the Grant Household Income Guidelines and financial responsibility for a dependent child. Students must have at least 12 credit hours with no associate's or bachelor's degree. The grant will be income-based due to household size (must have an income below at least 200 percent of the poverty level). The grant cannot be used to pay for past debt. For more information on how to apply, contact Bethany Bonner, ICC adviser/counselor, at [bbonner@iccms.edu](mailto:bbonner@iccms.edu) or call (662) 407-1525.

## Revamped PMT program From page one

In addition to the 45-hour certificate, students will have the opportunity to pursue an Associate of Applied science degree by completing five additional academic courses. They can be taken before, during or after the program, allowing students the flexibility to tailor their educational journey to their individual needs and preferences. The AAS degree will further enhance graduates' career prospects and enable them to pursue advanced opportuni-

ties in the field.

Recognizing the financial challenges many students face, ICC's Precision Machining Technology program has secured a generous grant from the Gene Haas Foundation. It provides financial assistance to qualified students, offering them the opportunity to receive up to the full cost of tuition. The availability of this support will help students pursue their passion for precision machining without the bur-

den of excessive financial constraints.

"We are excited about the revamped Precision Machining Technology program," Baldwin said. "By condensing the program into a one-year format and incorporating new classes, we are providing our students with an efficient and comprehensive education that aligns with industry needs. "We are grateful to the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous support, which

will open doors for deserving students and empower them to pursue successful careers in this dynamic field."

The revamped Precision Machining Technology program will begin this fall at ICC. For more information about the program, admission requirements and financial aid opportunities, visit the ICC website, [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu), or contact Jerry Pettigrew at (662) 407-1413 or [jmpettigrew@iccms.edu](mailto:jmpettigrew@iccms.edu).



# ICC receives \$100,000; joins 41 other U.S. schools in expansion of All Within My Hands' Metallica initiative

## Staff Reports

Metallica Foundation, All Within My Hands, continues its multimillion-dollar investment in critical workforce programs at community colleges nationwide. Among the schools, Itawamba Community College was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to receive \$100,000 to transform the futures of students in the community.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of the recipients of the prestigious All Within My Hands grant, which will significantly impact our career education programs," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is another indication of the success of the College and reinforcement of the mission that students and their success are our top priority."

The Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI) was launched in 2019 by Metallica's foundation, All Within My Hands (AWMH), in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The workforce initiative marks its fifth year with an ambitious expansion into new curricula. MSI now directly supports 42 community colleges across 33 states, and by the end of this year, it will have helped over 6,000 students pursuing careers in the trades. To date, Metallica and AWMH have invested over \$6 million in the American workforce.

"The Metallica Scholars initiative is so important to us because we are seeing results," said Lars Ulich of Metallica. "Five years in, with the help of community colleges across the country, we are helping people fill these essential jobs

which require skills and training. We are so proud and grateful that we can facilitate this program."

Reaffirming a commitment to career and technical education at the local level, each new school brings incredible opportunities to a thriving and growing community.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is a strong and cooperative assemblage of the nation's best community colleges, creating a supportive climate for participants to communicate directly and share best practices," said Peter Delgrossi, AWMH Executive Director.

"We are happy to continue to partner with Metallica's All Within My Hands Foundation to support the vital career and technical work of the nation's community colleges," said Dr. Walter G. Bumphus,



**Students in ICC's welding program will be among those who will benefit from the All Within My Hands Metallica initiative.**

AACC's president and CEO. "Colleges across the country provide pathways to well-paying jobs through programs, services and training that lead to in-demand skills, certificates and

degrees for students. These programs are responsive to the needs of local businesses and provide a pipeline of qualified workers to local industry. Partners like Metallica that con-

tinue to provide support for community colleges help us to showcase the importance of investing in the transformative power of community college education."

## TAG Truck Center Tupelo facilitates rolling chassis donation

### Staff Reports

TAG Truck Center Tupelo recently facilitated the donation of a rolling chassis training aid to the Itawamba Community College Diesel Equipment Technology program for hands-on training while studying chassis repair during its core diesel curriculum.

The chassis, originally used in Daimler Truck North America's Service Training Academy, was in Tooele, Utah and was due for placement at a college or school which applied for it and would use it for training purposes. TAG Tupelo provided the logistics and transportation costs to have it delivered.

"Our program's partnership with TAG Tupelo is strong, and we thank them and Higgins Logistics for this donation. It will allow for practical hands-on experience for our Diesel Equipment students, which is vitally important for their knowledge growth," said Jason Gholston, director of ICC's Diesel Equipment Technol-

ogy program.

ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology, which was created in 1985, is an instructional program that prepares students with competencies required to maintain and repair a variety of industrial diesel equipment. The program includes instruction in inspection, repair and maintenance of engines, power trains, hydraulic systems and other components. Since its inception, the program has graduated more than 500 participants.

TAG Tupelo has been a member of ICC's Diesel Advisory Committee for more than 10 years and sponsored the program into DTNA's GetAhead program in August 2017. There are currently five diesel technicians employed at TAG Tupelo who graduated from ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program, four of them through the apprenticeship program.

"ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program sets the pace in teaching future technicians the fundamentals of commercial and diesel truck repair. This chassis donation only reinforces our commitment to the trucking industry and its up-and-coming technicians," said Brian Austin, general manager of TAG Truck Center Tupelo.



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## HAPPENING Now

### Welcome Week August 15-17

#### August 14

#### Find Your Classes with Donuts/Coffee

*Tupelo Campus*  
Academic and Student Center  
7:30-9 a.m.  
*Fulton Campus*  
Crane Pavilion  
7:30-9 a.m.  
*Belden Center*  
Training Entrance Lobby  
7:30-9 a.m.

#### Welcome Home Cookout

*Belden Center*  
Outside Training Entrance Lobby  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Welcome to Wesley Social

*Tupelo Campus*  
Outside Academic and Student Center  
Noon

#### FunkyTown Throwdown

*Fulton Campus*  
President's Lawn  
7-9 p.m.

#### August 15

#### Find Your Classes

*Fulton Campus - Crane Pavilion*  
*Tupelo Campus - Academic and Student Center*  
*Belden Center - Training Entrance Lobby*  
7:30-9 a.m.

#### Welcome Home Cookout

*Belden Center*  
Outside Training Entrance Lobby  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Ice Cream Social

*Tupelo Campus*  
Outside Academic and Student Center  
Noon

#### Burger and Blues Cookout

*Fulton Campus*  
Wesley Foundation  
5-7 p.m.

#### BSU Water Party

*Fulton Campus*  
Band Practice Field  
7:07 p.m.

#### August 16

#### Welcome Home Cookout

*Tupelo Campus*  
Outside Academic and Student Center  
Noon-1 p.m.

#### Lemonade Social with Housing

*Fulton Campus*  
Crane Pavilion  
2 p.m.

#### Meet the Indians

*Fulton Campus*  
Davis Event Center  
7 p.m.

*First 50 students get a free Freshman Run t-shirt*

#### August 17

#### Ice Cream Social

*Fulton Campus*  
Crane Pavilion  
1 p.m.  
*First 100 students*

***All students and faculty  
from all ICC locations  
invited to attend!***



**Dr. LaToya Rembert-Sterling, assistant director of Training and Professional Development for Career and Technical Education at the Mississippi Community College Board, left, and ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, right, congratulate Tonya Vaughn, dean of Health Science Instruction at ICC, for completion of the Mississippi Community College Board Leadership Academy.**

## Vaughn completes year-long MCB Leadership Academy

#### Staff Reports

Tonya Vaughn of Mantachie, dean of Health Science Instruction at Itawamba Community College, has completed the year-long Mississippi Community College Board Leadership Academy.

The program, which provides face-to-face and virtual sessions, included a variety of learning topics, modules, book studies, lectures, role play and group discussions.

An alumnus of ICC, Vaughn earned the bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and the master's degree from Western Governor's University. She has been employed at ICC for 25 years, previously serving as director of the Surgical Technology program.

Vaughn's professional memberships are the Association of Surgical Technologists, Mississippi Board of Nursing, Association of Surgical Technology (curriculum writing team), Association of Career Technical Educators, Career Technical Officers Association and advisory committee for Pontotoc and Itawamba County Allied Health.

During her tenure with ICC, Vaughn has been instrumental in coordinating efforts with healthcare partners, including all sites of the North Mississippi Medical Center, Specialty Orthopedic Group, Baptist Memorial Hospital facilities, Magnolia Regional in Corinth and the OCH Regional Medical Center in Starkville. She attends Connect Church in Tupelo. Married to Richard Vaughn, she has two sons, David and Wilson Knight, and two grandchildren, Tripp and Paisleigh Knight.

She was recognized at the April meeting of the Mississippi Community College Presidents.

## Stevenson elected MFSACC president

#### Staff Reports

Jessi Stevenson of Fulton, Fine Arts instructor at ICC, has been elected as president of the Mississippi Faculty and Staff Association of Community Colleges.

The Bruce native, who has been employed with ICC since 2006, teaches public speaking and theatre courses and serves as the sponsor of Communication Chiefs and the college's Study Abroad program, The Global Experience. During her 17 years at ICC, Stevenson has received an extensive list of honors, including the NISOD award, Lamplighter, Humanities Teacher of the Year, multiple QEP Outstanding Faculty Mentor awards and the College's highest honor, the Meritorious Achievement Award, twice.

Stevenson has served as both president and vice president of the Fulton Campus Faculty Association multiple times. She earned the associate's degree from ICC and bachelor's and master's de-



**Jessi Stevenson**

grees from Mississippi State University and has graduate work from the University of Alabama in theatre arts. Previously, she taught public speaking and communication courses at Beville State Community College in Alabama. She and her husband, Chris, are the parents of two sons.

The MFSACC advocates on behalf of all community colleges

each year, especially during the legislative session. Stevenson's duties during her two-year term, which began June 1, will also include providing leadership to the MFSACC Executive Board and local Faculty and Staff Associations and supporting legislative priorities adopted by the Mississippi Community College Board.

"Our state's community college system strives to educate and train Mississippi's future, and I am honored to be entrusted to advocate on behalf of this important mission," Stevenson said. "I am a proud graduate of Itawamba Community College, and I always share my success story with students and community members. I am excited to have a larger platform to share the opportunities community colleges offer and the impact these integral institutions of higher learning make on our great state."



## MCCLA grads

**ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, center, congratulates Dylan Baldwin, dean of Career Education, and Nina Strother, director of Marketing and Community Engagement, upon their completion of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.**





## FYI

### MAKE A NOTE OF IT

#### JUST A REMINDER...

#### Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to re-view campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu), for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.



#### Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.



ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened

the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at [helpdesk@iccms.edu](mailto:helpdesk@iccms.edu).

#### Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

#### No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

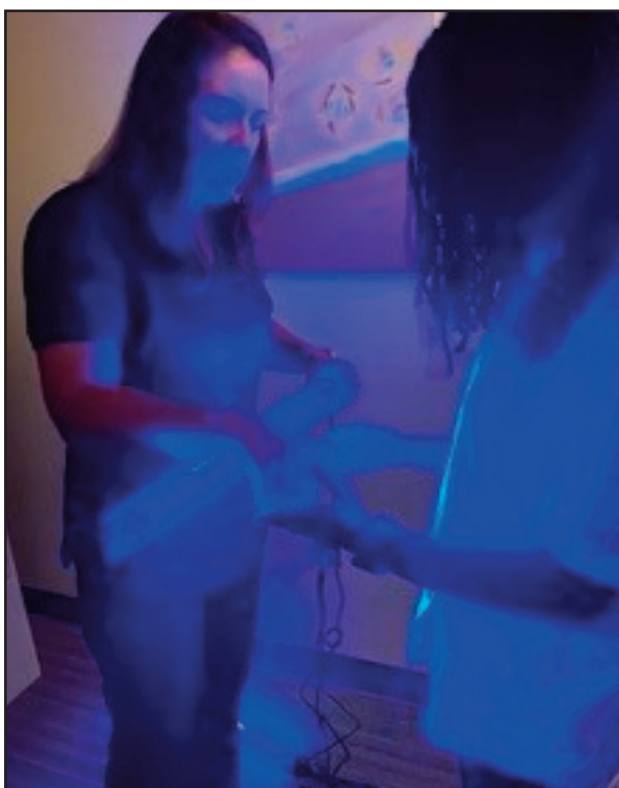
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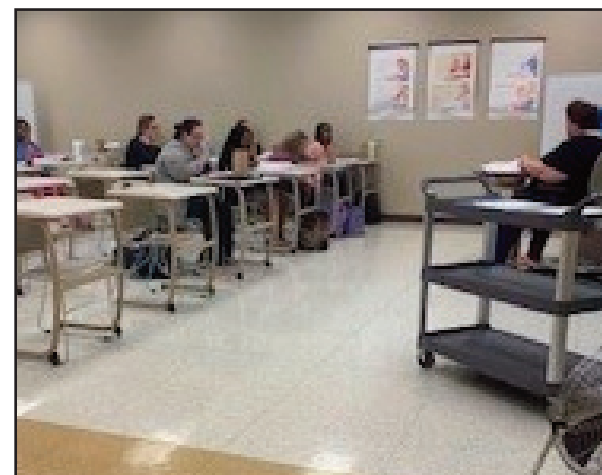
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## June 27 PN-RN Boot Camp

Ten Licensed Practical Nurses started a five-week course to transition to the third semester of the RN program in fall 2023 with a projected graduation date of May 2024. The transition course allows LPNs who have worked at least one year as an LPN to obtain credit for their PN education and work experience. After successfully completing the summer transition course led by Dr. Martha Davis, the transition students will progress to the third semester of the nursing program. ICC's ADN program completed a two-day boot camp for incoming freshmen who were accepted into the nursing program. The boot camp was designed to promote student engagement and success and was attended by more than 60 percent of the entering cohort. Attendance was not required, but highly encouraged for the inaugural event. Freshmen met faculty and participated in skills, learned testing strategies and had hands-on experience in both the clinical and simulation labs. Sessions were led by AD nursing faculty. Day two included a panel discussion with former graduates and faculty. There was also a tour of NMMC nursing units. The collaborative event included ADN faculty, health science advisers and instructional support.



# ICC...#betterthanevery







Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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## Guntharp named MCC Connectivity Consortium chairman

### Staff Reports

ICC's Jason Guntharp of Fulton, system engineer/project manager, has been named chairman of the Mississippi Community College Connectivity Consortium.

MC4 is the evolution of the state's Computer Center Director's Association, now known as MJCCDA, which was formed on Dec. 10, 1986. Its purpose is to collaborate and share solutions to problems that affected all colleges as well as the catalyst for a computer network to connect all of the two-year colleges.

The Strategic Planning Council, which was the first IT technical group, evolved into MC4. Today, the organization represents community colleges from across the

state and confronts the technology challenges that affect every community college. Guntharp said, "It is an honor to lead and be part of a group with such a rich history in the state. We are in a synergistic position whose projects will help all community colleges across the state."

MC4 has quarterly meetings with input from vendors on various technologies that could benefit the state's community colleges, Guntharp noted. "We have a group with diverse interests and skillsets. This group has been such a benefit to me, and my hope is for us to collectively continue to move our college technology programs forward."

In 2003, Guntharp earned the associate's degree with honors at

Itawamba Community College, where he was selected to the Hall of Fame and received awards of distinction in his field for two years. He also holds numerous technology certifications. Guntharp has served as coordinator of technology for the Lee County Schools and later taught courses in ICC's Information Systems Technology program. He joined the ICC Telecommunications and Information Systems department in 2011 and served as network administrator until 2017. His honors include 2010 Lamplighter recipient, graduate of the 2014-15 Leadership Development Institute and 2016-17 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. He and his wife, Shea, have four daughters.

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Among the highlights of 2022-23 at ICC include Code Red and Blue, the kickoff of ICC's 75th anniversary celebration, TimelyCare for students and faculty, formal dedication of the Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center, signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Mississippi State University for the transfer of honors credits, election of Mr. and Miss ICC, the naming of the Nanci Gray court, Unity month, crowning of ICC's Most Beautiful, hosting the MAC conference, ground-breaking ceremony for the Softball and Tennis Complex, wind damage at the Fulton Campus and selection of the Hall of Fame.



## 2022-23 The Year in Review





# ICC Athletics on the Move

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Coach Travis Macon

## ICC to kick off 2023 schedule Sept. 7 with Jones Bobcats

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College announced its 2023 schedule in late June. It includes four home games and five road trips.

ICC will kick off the Travis Macon era, Thursday, Sept. 7, when they host Jones College at Eaton Field.

Macon takes over as the program's 11th head coach after spending the past three seasons in the same role at Coahoma Community College.

The Indians will hit the road to face Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Sept. 14) before opening conference play at rival Northeast (Sept. 21).

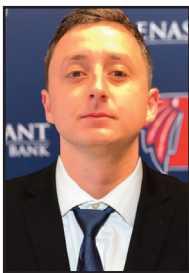
ICC will return home for its

only back-to-back home games of the season against Northwest (Sept. 28) and Mississippi Delta (Oct. 5), which is Homecoming 2023.

The following week, ICC will travel to Holmes (Oct. 12) before stepping out of division play for a road game at Hinds (Oct. 19). The Indians will host East Mississippi (Oct. 26) for their final home game and will close out the regular season at Coahoma (Nov. 2).

All home games will start at 7 p.m.

Every game will be available on SuperTalk Tupelo (101.9 FM) and LetsGoICCTV.com with the pregame show at 6:30 p.m.



**ICC ssistant coaches on Maon's staff include clockwise from top, Kareem Moore, Justin Lucas, Grant Kimberlin and Aaron Anguiano.**

## NJCAA All-Academic Teams 62 athletes selected

### Staff Reports

Sixty-two Itawamba Community College student-athletes have been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Academic Teams for the 2022-23 academic year.

To earn NJCAA All-Academic honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.60 or higher and completed 24 credit hours. There are three levels of academic honors: First Team, 4.0 GPA; Second Team, 3.80-3.99 GPA; and Third Team, 3.60-3.79 GPA.

The First Team included 12 ICC student-athletes; 20, Second Team; and 30, Third Team.

The NJCAA All-Academic First Team honorees by sport include:

**Baseball** - Drew Coombs, Caleb Goddard, Dixon Webb;

**Women's Basketball** - Shayla Golden;

**Football** - Shane Lasher;

**Women's Soccer** - Megan Davis, Emma Logan;

**Softball** - Tayler Bishop, Lexi Brown, Avery Wolfe;

**Men's Tennis** - Jacob Jolly;

**Women's Tennis** - Martina Coghetto.

The Second Team honorees are

**Baseball** - Eli Akins, Clayton Reese;

**Women's Basketball** - Charity Yates;

**Golf** - Rhett Gullett;

**Women's Soccer** - Jenna-Claire Johnson, Beth Lloyd, Lillian McDonald, Macie Williams;

**Men's Tennis** - Joao Pedro

Mendes, Stroud Mills, Russell Moor-

man;

**Women's Tennis** - Kaitlyn Greenwood;

**Volleyball** - Bailey Baker, Savanna Carr, Kathryn Cooke, Olivia Hines, Lydia Hitchcock, Vakeria Jett, Marlee Robinson, Brooklyn Ward;

The Third Team honorees include

**Baseball** - Stone Collier, Reese Ruth, Reeves Crowder, Bo Rock, Will Verdung;

**Football** - Ryan Musselwhite, Price Nixon, Ze'Marion Tucker, DarQuez Williams;

**Golf** - Jack Herring;

**Women's Basketball** - Che'mya Carouthers, Kenjha Flowers, Katie Beth Hall, Addison Howell, Makayla Rieves;

**Men's Soccer** - Jhasiel Bautista, Brayden Bowden, Gage Lashlee, Kyle Morris, Reed Conerly, Nate Drewery, Brian Romero;

**Women's Soccer** - Brianna Benton, Adelin Mathis, Addison Pletzke, Camryn Summerall;

**Men's Tennis** - Caleb Beech;

**Women's Tennis** - Maggie Franks;

**Volleyball** - Audrey Hamill and Kate Nakagawa.

Also, eight of ICC's 11 athletic programs received NJCAA Academic Team of the Year honorable mention honors. The programs are baseball, women's basketball, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's tennis, women's tennis and volleyball.

## Atlanta Braves draft ICC's Will Verdung in 13th round



### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Will Verdung of Corinth was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 13th round, 399 overall pick, in the 2023 Major League Baseball Draft.

In his sophomore season, Verdung led the Indians in seven offensive categories with a .389 batting average, .484 on-base percentage, .706 slugging percentage, 70 hits, 65 RBI, 32 walks and 15 home runs, which put him in a four-way tie for single season home runs since 2006 with Tyreque Reed (2017), Dustin Lunn (2009) and Josh Graham (2006).

He also scored 58 runs, which was the second highest on the team, hit 10 doubles and one triple and stole five bases.

Verdung's standout 2023 season earned him National Junior College Athletic Association All-American, All-Region 23, Mississippi Association of

Community Colleges Conference Baseball Player of the Year and All-MACCC First-Team honors.

During his ICC career, Verdung had a .401 batting average, 127 hits, 28 doubles and 107 RBI, which are all second in program history since 2007. Also, he had 25 career home runs which ties him with Reed for the program's best.

The third baseman had a .923 career fielding percentage, recording 85 putouts, 94 assists and four double plays. Verdung also made 18 appearances on the mound and compiled a 5-4 record with 33 strikeouts in 31.1 innings.

Verdung, who is the 24th player in program history to be drafted, has the option to join the Braves organization or to attend the University of Southern Mississippi, where he signed prior to the 2023 season.

# #RollTribe



Tribe talk

MADISON HALEY  
2019-20 Sports Editor

Expectations are high on the collegiate sports level. Whether you're a coach or a player, that applies to both competing and performing on the field and in the classroom. The majority of collegiate players come from a very competitive background whether they played at one of the top high schools in their state or on travel showcase teams during their high school offseason. However, that is exactly what makes playing at the college level so challenging.

The overwhelming majority of college athletes were known as a "star" at their high school which cripples them coming into the collegiate stage. Upon entering this uber competitive arena, those "stars" are soon snapped into reality and realize their whole team is full of "stars:" from high schools around the state, country and even the world in some cases. Therefore, each athlete is held to a new standard by his or her coaches in order to earn and maintain the spot they were recruited to fill, and if not, there is someone just as good to fill the spot. Preparation as a college athlete is extensive. Showing up to practice "on time": is not good enough and staying after to put in extra work is almost mandatory to maintain that "star" status.

On top of the pressure of performing physically, athletes are also expected to perform exceptionally in the classroom. Many athletes sit in the front of the classroom in order to develop a stronger relationship with their teachers and be more attentive. While many believe athletes get their work done for them or their work is excused due to their being absent so much for games, this is very rarely the truth. Student-athletes are actually held to a higher standard and are expected to do their work and turn it in on time or even early when they are gone for away games.

An expectation that is sometimes overlooked is the high moral standard to which college student-athletes are held. Players are expected to carry themselves in all situations with the utmost respect. This goes as far as the clothes they wear and what they post on social media.

ICC softball coach Andy Kirk said his expectations include ensuring that his players are held accountable for representing ICC in a positive manner every day. Coaches have to be the consistent daily example for players to be able to see and follow.

Being a student-athlete is a privilege and blessing for many, but it's not always as easy or glorious as society portrays it. The expectations are high, but the reward is so rich on both the playing and coaching levels, especially when they are translated into state and national championships. - **Madi-son Haley Robinson, is an Itawamba Community College alum who is now a recruiter at the Fulton Campus.**



ICC two-sport student-athletes Allie Beckley and Hogan Payne were among those who earned Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference academic honors.

# 104 student-athletes earn academic honors

## Staff Reports

The Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference has recognized 104 student-athletes from Itawamba Community College as academic honors recipients.

The MACCC awards two separate academic honors, Distinguished Academic All-MACCC and Academic All-MACCC. To earn Distinguished Academic All-MACCC, a student-athlete must have a grade point average of 3.80 or higher, and to earn Academic All-MACCC, a GPA of 3.25-3.79.

ICC honorees included 32 student-athletes selected as Distinguished Academic All-MACCC; and 72, Academic All-MACCC.

The Distinguished Academic All-MACCC honorees by sport include:

**Baseball** - Eli Akins, Drew Coombs, Caleb Goddard, Clayton Reese and Dixon Webb;

**Women's Basketball** - Shayla Golden, Charity Yeates;

**Football** - Shane Lasher;

**Golf** - Rhett Gullett;

**Women's Soccer** - Megan

Davis, Jenn-Claire Johnson, Beth Lloyd, Emma Logan, Lillian McDonald, Macie Williams;

**Softball** - Tayler Bishop, Lexi Brown, Avery Wolfe;

**Men's Tennis** - Joao Pedro Mendes, Jacob Jolly, Stroud Mills;

**Women's Tennis** - Martina Coghetto, Kaitlyn Greenwood;

**Volleyball** - Bailey Baker, Savannah Carr, Kathryn Cooke, Olivia Hines, Lydia Hitchcock, Vakeria Jett, Marlee Robinson and Brooklyn Ward.

The Academic All-MACCC honorees by sport include:

**Baseball** - JW Armistead, Drew Capobianco, Stone Collier, Jobi Cook, Reeves Crowder, Reed Stanford, Taylor Tarver, Will Verdung;

**Men's Basketball** - Josh Lee, Eddie Page, Tyler Whitaker;

**Women's Basketball** - Che'Mya Carouthers, Kenijha Flowers, Katie Beth Hall, Addison Howell, Jermeria Martin, Ayonna Naylor, La'Monnie Owens, Makayla Rieves, Jasirae Vick;

**Football** - Wade Cannon, Dylan King, Jordan Milton, Ryan

Musselwhite, Price Nixon, Dominique Taylor, Ze'Marion Tucker, DarQuez Williams;

**Golf** - Jack Herring, Hogan Payne;

**Men's Soccer** - Owen Anforth, Jhasiel Bautista, Aiden Belk, Brayden Bowden, Reed Conerly, Nate Drewry, Sammy Gallardo, Gage Lashlee, Kyle Morris, Brian Romero;

**Women's Soccer** - Jordan Allen, Julia Beneckenstein, Briana Benton, Brianna Huckaby, Adelin Mathis, Addison Pletzke, Camryn Summerall, Inna Vannula;

**Softball** - Allie Beckley, Hanna Grace Gillean, Julia Shaw, Emma Rose Thompson, Riley Tyree;

**Men's Tennis** - Tasso Moreira, Caleb Beech, Sam Morgan, Houston Walker;

**Women's Tennis** - Tyler Athas, Maggie Franks, Emma Horton, Cheyenne Hughes;

**Volleyball** - Audrey Hammill, Kate Nakagawa, Aubrey Swanson, Sarah Allyn Thornell and Anna Grace White.

Hogan Payne and Allie Beckley were two-sport athletes.

## Meet the Indians - Aug. 16

### Staff Reports

ICC students will have an opportunity to meet the members of the fall sports teams, including both men's and women's

soccer, volleyball, cheer and football, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

The first 50 freshmen

will get a free Freshman Run t-shirt, according to organizer Taylor Tutor, coordinator of Student Activities.

Participants will also

meet the head coaches and their staffs, including Caryl Vogel, David Strother, Annie McGregor, Bryant Nickels and Travis Macon.

## Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

### FOOTBALL

9.7	Jones College	7
9.14	@Gulf Coast	7
9.21	@Northeast	6:30
9.28	Northwest	7
10.5	Miss. Delta	7
10.12	@Holmes	6:30
10.19	@Hinds	7
10.25	East Miss.	7
11.2	@Coahoma	6:30

### MEN'S SOCCER

8.11	Freed-Hardeman	2 p.m.
8.18	@St. Charles	4 p.m.
8.19	@Mineral Area	11 a.m.
8.22	Delta State	4 p.m.
8.25	East Central	4 p.m.
8.29	@Meridian	5 p.m.
9.1	Blue Mountain	4 p.m.
9.8	@Hinds	7 p.m.
9.12	So. Union St.	3 p.m.
9.22	@Holmes	4 p.m.
9.26	Pearl River	4 p.m.
9.29	@Jones	7 p.m.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

8.11	Freed-Hardeman	4 p.m.
8.17	@Pellissippi	3:30 p.m.
8.21	SW Tenn.	3 p.m.
8.27	Dyersburg St.	1 p.m.
8.31	@Andrew College	5 p.m.
9.2	@So. Union	5 p.m.
9.6	So. Union	3 p.m.
9.8	@SW Tenn.	7 p.m.
9.13	@Columbia St.	7 p.m.
9.15	@East Miss.	5 p.m.
9.19	Northwest	2 p.m.
9.22	@Holmes	1 p.m.
9.26	Pearl River	2 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

8.11	Pensacola St.	1 p.m.
	William Carey	3 p.m.
	both @William Carey	
8.15	Rust College	5:30 p.m.
8.19	SE Ill. Invitational	
8.20	SE Ill. Invitational	
8.25	Chattanooga St. Invitational	
8.26	Chattanooga St. Invitational	
8.30	Calhoun	1 p.m.
9.5	@Calhoun	1 p.m.
9.8	Ala./Miss. Crossover	
9.9	Ala./Miss. Crossover	
9.12	@Northeast	6 p.m.
9.15	Coastal Ala.-East	3 p.m.

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# More than 600 graduates earn degrees, certificates in May ceremonies

## Staff Reports

More than 600 graduates received Associate of Arts or Associate of Applied Science degrees or certificates at the conclusion of the 2023 spring semester at Itawamba Community College.

### They include

**Aberdeen** - Nina Margaret Coker, Eryn Tiara Dancy, Kiersten Nahyira Dancy, Jamaia NaSha Fears, Jamiyah Hoskins, Jaylan L. Loggan, Brooklyn L. Oconnor, Lillian M. Ratliff, Martha Gail Smith, Madelyn Nicole Stacy, Nathan Terrell Tumblyn, Donovan Lewis Turner, Caleb S. Wilkinson, Lera Ashton Winders; **Ackerman** - Addison L. Stacy; **Al-goma** - Claire Elizabeth Caldwell; **Amory** - Kaya D. Baker, Kelly Leigh Barnett, Emily P. Booth, Taylor M. Braxton, Anthony Reece Cantrell, Matthew Kohl Carter, Sarah Kate Coleman, Kathryn R. Cooke, Austin M. Cox, Jacob Cade Cumberland, Rebecca C. Dill, Jacob M. Dillard, Mackenzie Lea Gallop, Kameron Stone-Allen Garner, Alyssa J. Gray, Gabriel E. Hester, Gabriela T. Hill, Corey D. Keller, Bryson M. Lewis, Logan C. McAlester, Jeremiah Met-calf, Elizabeth C. Monaghan, Caroline E. Nestor, Dixie L. Owen, Cassidy Danielle Pearson, Sofie Mae Pitts, McKenna B. Powell, Brianna M. Richardson, Micah D. Turner; **Baldwyn** - Alisha J. Billups, Kaitlyn M. Cunningham, Jessi C. Davis, Alexander L. Duthu, Joseph B. Harper, Olivia Caroline Letson, Caleb A. Murrell, Madelyn M. Palmer, Emily Poe, Shallon Brooke Roberson, Jamecia S. Walker, Alexandria F. Williams; **Batesville** - Madysen Jena Casey, Albert Ray Martin; **Belden** - Emma Chesley Bethay, Gracie E. Caldwell, Lili Spencer Campbell, Kizzie Qushawin Cox, Joshua Baker Crane, Hallie J. Davis, James P. Foley, Meredith P. Gregory, Timothy Brian Haithcock, Raines Franklin Marshall, Madison Ann Martin, John Henry McDade, Derek Edwards Oates, McKenzie Smith, Min-Hao Sun, Sara Grace Tedford; **Belmont** - Dale-Anna M. Cass, Cade J. McKinney, Karly Nicole Wooten; **Benton** - Andrew Robert Jones; **Blue Mountain** - Alexis Elliott, Eric Hayden Hill, Vir-diana Perez; **Blue Springs** - Chad Alan Bishop, Alexander Joshua Boland, Dana E. Loewer, Jeremy W. Rakestraw, John A. Taylor; **Boaz, Ala.** - Lydia Hitchcock; **Booneville** - Crystal Dione Norman; **Brandon** - Natalie Claire Beyea, Baleigh E. Mangum; **Bruce** - Lori Dayle Leachman, Jared K. O'Bannon, Rena Claire Perkins, Jenna G. Plunk, Makaiya Dayshionne Venson, Taylor B. White; **Caledonia** - Taliyah D. Burr; **Cal-houn City** - Ruby A. Edington, Mary G. Hale, Maya M. McNamee, Amanda L. Russell; **Cedar Bluff** - Jackson B. Langley, Emily J. Turner; **Charleston** - Tamia N. Lyons; **Cleveland** - Donovan O. Lucas; **Coffeeville** - Jada Myriah Lucas; **Col-lierville, Tenn.** - Hilary Danielle Little; **Columbus** - Aashonti A. But-ler, Anna L. Gregory, Jayden Deion

Harris, Anna Faith Hogan, Jeremiah E. Jethroe, Savanah L. Lawson, Rebecca L. Leonard, Carlos Shavelle O'Neal, Courland Jai Petty, Brooklyn Ward, Ashleigh L. Williams; **Corinth** - Nathan S. Drewry, Katie Nakagawa, Kaleigh Sanders; **Crawford** - Tamyjia Lynn Tucker; **Curitiba, Brazil** - Joao Pedro-Goncalves Mendes; **Dennis** - Joshua Blake Oliver; **Eccru** - Maira Cantor, Anna Grace Coomer, Pierce W. Griffin, Victoria A. King, Andrew B. Laliberte, Vanessa Lopez, Amy Paul, Katie R. Ramsey, Tyrese O. Roberson, Maria G. Tinajero, Leslie J. Torres, Nicole Rose Vasquez; **Enid** - Maleel Walls; **Eupora** - Darius Cole Brown, Ce'Airah L. Shaw; **Falkner** - Savan-nah M. Hunt; **French Camp** - Brady Jackson Peacock; **Fulton** - Emma Grace Allen, Ava Malyn Armstrong, Victoria R. Bradley, Hayden S. Camp-bell, Christina Lynn Cassatt, Camron N. Cowart, Jocalyn M. Cruz-Sanders, Hunter K. Davis, Mason C. Fisher, Kelcie D. Graham, Madison A. Green, Larissa P. Guin, Easton R. Hale, Devontess T. Harris, Maddox R. Hen-dricks, Kasey B. Homan, Krista F. Ihle, Dixie C. Johnson, Lauren B. Johnson, Jordan C. Laney, Kelsey Brooke Leathers, Cassidy E. Little, Zachary Thomas Locastro, Emma E. Logan, Samuel A. Mabus, Marly E. Moore, Cody D. Morris, Reagan Kath-leen O'Neal, Emily L. Pate, Kaitlyn Marie Plunkett, Logan Andrew Robin-son, Natalie Rodriguez, Cally J. Sen-ter, Steven Guy Steele, Kaylan Renise Strong, William E. Taylor, Stephanie Kay White, Gracie L. Whitt, Logan Bailey Wilburn; **Gallatin, Tenn.** - Edward B. Sanders; **Golden** - Hanna-Grace N. Green, Trey Dillon Melson, Jonathon Adam Strickland, Victoria A. Strickland; **Greenwood** - Antwanette Regular; **Greenwood Springs** - Anna K. Smith, Macie G. Flippo, Austin N. Guin; **Grenada** - Jaylon Williams; **Guntown** - David M. Allen, Aaron C. Barnett, Drew M. Capobianco, Trey Anthony Cleveland, Benton H. Crain, Tiffany M. Doggett, William A. Gentry, Arlin D. Greenhill, Brianna L. Huckaby, Taylor Blaine Melancon, Jermiah Jackson Oliver, Benjamin Logan Parker, Elliana C. Parker, Madison I. Thompson, Alesha Denise Turner, Houston M. Walker, Hayleigh Kristina Wilkerson; **Hamil-ton** - Aniston Leigh Atkins, Payton M. Atkins, Cassie M. Barnes, Kelson Brewer, Shauna Marie Clark, Addie Corrine Cobb, Georgia F. Cockerham, Haley Beth Lee, Jalealya Dre'Anne Morgan, Jonathan G. Poss; **Her-nando** - Haylee L. Alberson, Emma C. Sarfley, Zachary A. Simpson; **Hickoy Flat** - Justin Clay Carter, Casey L. Poff; **Horn Lake** - Allie J. Dunlap; **Houlka** - Rebecca Ann Brown, Jonathan Moore, Kalajiah Le'Nyjah Moore, Lakendric M. Moore, Iyania Q. Taylor, Antonio Ter-rell Wooten; **Houston** - Megan Beard, Abbigale K. Blansett, Allison Elena Blansett, Gavin W. Caples, An-niston M. Criddle, Jermaya Janae Davenport, Olivia G. Dean, Emily Christina Duncan, Sydney K. Free-man, Raven D. Hayes, Kaitlynn Dawn Murphree, Maurice Pickens, Monter-rian J. Swing, Morgan L. Young; **Iuka** - Robert Flynt; **Jackson** - Alexis

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